GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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DEATH OF PMF PERSONNEL
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ITBP and other border specific Para-military organisations officers and Jawans died or suffered serious high altitude diseases during the last three years, year-wise, rank-wise;

(b) the number of officers and Jawans above the age of 45 in active service at high altitudes on borders;

(c) the number of posts or positions available at base camps and other posting stations to accommodate affected officers;

(d) whether the Government proposes to maintain a young profile of Para-military organisations working at high altitude and work out a mechanism to accommodate officers above 45 years of age in administration and management services at other suitable places to provide them relief from high altitude diseases at growing age and maintain a very quick response efficiency; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a): Number of personnel died due to high altitude diseases in Central Police Forces (CPF) is given below:

Rank	2003	2004	2005
Comdt	1	0	0
Inspector	3	0	0
Sub-Inspector	5	1	2
Head Constable	5	7	10
Constable	18	5	17
Total	32	13	29

Suffered high altitude diseases:

Year	Total
2003	1644
2004	1911
2005	1660

Rank-wise break up is being collected from the CPFs.

(b): 1929

(c) to (e): Affected personnel are given `soft` postings in establishments located in plain or low altitude areas depending on the condition. Efforts are always made to post younger persons only at higher altitudes and to utilise those in higher age bracket in relatively lighter duties. Expansion of ITBP is also considered by the Government whenever necessary. 38 additional companies have been raised by ITBP in the recent past.